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Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the necessary papers for filing the following application for Letters Patent:

Applicant

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Title

CIRCUIT CONFIGURATION FOR DRIVING A SEMICONDUCTOR

SWITCHING ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR SAME

5 sheets of formal drawings.

The payment in the amount of \$ 740.00 covering the filing fee. Information Disclosure Statement and 3 References.

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